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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Britain's Budget

Mr Butler's Budget not only gives a stimulating and much-needed shot in the arm to the taxation-jaded British public, it also clearly reflects the vast improvement during the past twelve months of the nation's economic and financial situation. The generous concessions which the Chancellor of the Exchequer has made are designed as incentives to promote harder work and increased production, yet he would not have dared to indulge in such sweeping reliefs in direct and indirect taxation unless he was assured of Britain's solvency and the Treasury's capacity to forgo revenue from the sources where Mr Butler has applied his reliefs. And further striking evidence of the soundness of the Budget is provided by the fact that the Chancellor still anticipates a surplus. The popularity of the Budget is assured, particularly as taxation and other concessions are widely spread and offer benefits to nearly every section of the populace. Individual incomes enjoy a reduction of sixpence in the pound direct tax; the housewife's weekly expenditure will be cut through the lowering of the sales taxes; aged pensioners can add another £100 a year to their income without being burdened with taxation; industry is relieved of the discouraging excess profits tax, and is additionally stimulated by the offer of higher depreciation allowances on new plant. All these are genuine and much desired incentives. They also challenge the goodwill of the public, for it is necessary there should be a generous response by workers and employers to gear up the country's production of marketable exports.

Mr Butler has emphasised that his taxation concessions are linked with a long-term financial and economic policy that should, given the fullest co-operation of the nation, permanently restore Britain's economy. Free convertibility of Sterling remains an ultimate objective, but as the Chancellor has warned, this cannot be realised unless through her own efforts Britain earns more foreign currency through exports, and at home keeps a tight control on inflation. This was the fundamental gospel of Mr Butler's predecessors—the late Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr Hugh Gaitskell, but the present Government believes that it can be fulfilled by methods vastly different from those advocated and applied by the Socialists. Mr Butler is pursuing an experiment of interesting possibilities. Whether it succeeds or fails depends very largely on how the people of Britain react to the incentives which are being offered to them. His Budget is bold, imaginative, and in many respects unique. His skill in providing tax reliefs without in any way demanding sacrifices in social services is one of the outstanding features of his budgeting. His policy and his faith in the people of Britain to respond readily to its implications deserve to be fully rewarded.

Youth "Obsessed" With Masterpiece

Paris, Apr. 14. A nineteen-year-old youth charged with trying to steal the famous nude masterpiece, of "A Woman Bathing" told a court here today he was "obsessed" with it.

"She looked like my mother," he said.

The student Pierre Frelat was charged with another youth with trying to steal four paintings in

UN READY TO RESUME TRUCE TALKS

Authorisation Given To Gen Mark Clark CAMPS CONTROL SUGGESTION

Washington, Apr. 14.

The United Nations Command is ready to agree to an early resumption of the Korean armistice negotiations and to suggest that anti-Communist-prisoner Allied camps be turned over to Swiss control, reliable sources said today.

General Mark Clark, United Nations commander in Korea, was said to have been authorised to suggest moves that would provide for early renewal of the truce talks that broke down last October over the prisoner issue.

General Clark's letter outlining the new United Nations position was expected to be communicated to the North Korean and Chinese Communists very soon, these sources said.

TESTING SOVIET SINCERITY Britain's 5-Point Programme

New York, Apr. 14. Britain on Tuesday laid down a five-point programme to test the sincerity of Russian peace feelers.

The chief British delegate, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, told the United Nations Political Committee "it is certainly not difficult to pick out the issue on which agreement might be reached if the will and the desire to do so really existed."

He listed these as:

- First—Korean armistice.
- Second—An Austrian peace treaty.
- Third—The release of the thousands of German, Japanese and Italian prisoners still held in Russia.
- Fourth—The release of the Greek children and soldiers held by the Soviet satellites.
- Fifth—The institution of racial and religious tolerance and freedom of speech and thought.

Associated Press.

Mau Mau Slay 4 Soldiers

Nairobi, Apr. 14. Four British soldiers in the Kenya Regiment were killed last night when a gang of about 100 terrorists ambushed a patrol in the Fort Hall district.

They were the first casualties among European soldiers in the campaign against Mau Mau. The troops had surrounded a hut which a suspect had entered. They called on the occupants of the hut to come out and then fired into the hut and hand grenades were also thrown into the hut.

The sergeant of the patrol tried to force an entrance into the hut but was shot at from the inside. The remainder of the patrol rushed to his aid and were fired by snipers hidden in the vicinity of the hut. —France-Press.

Officials said General Clark's letter would spike the new Communist charges that the United States and its United Nations allies were "reluctant" to resume the armistice talks.

The way was opened for resumption of the truce talks when the Communists agreed to an exchange of wounded and sick prisoners and indicated a willingness to compromise on the proper issue of an overall prisoner exchange. —United Press.

Washington, Apr. 14. Observers believe that the number of Allied POW "renegades" as they are beginning to be called here, does not exceed a hundred and it was thought that this figure would be confirmed by sick and wounded prisoners shortly to be returned by the Communists.

The Pentagon was awaiting prisoners' information on this particular point with great interest.

Military circles here recalled that the Pentagon's attention to the "renegades" was first drawn by letters from prisoners to their families.

These letters came either from "converted" prisoners or their comrades who had commented on the converts.

ARRIVE AT PUSAN Tokyo, Apr. 15. The first group of Communists going home under the Korean prisoners exchange agreement have reached Pusan, South Korea, from Cheju Island, the Allied Navy announced today.

The 770 sick and wounded men travelled aboard a tank landing ship. They will go to Panmunjom, where the exchange will be started on April 20. —Reuter.

CHARGES REPEATED London, Apr. 14. Red China today returned to its campaign about the bacteriological warfare allegedly being waged by the United States in Asia.

A New China News Agency dispatch from Pyongyang, monitored here, said: "German insects were again spread by the Americans against the peaceful people of Korea in Shinsang, South Hemyong province, on March 17."

The agency said American aircraft flew over the area that day at low altitude and dropped "germ-carrying flies, spiders and white insects on populated areas and along the railway lines and sea coasts of that country." —United Press.

Intellectual vitality" Dr A. Nicud said.

His plea saved the two from long prison terms. The Magistrate gave Frelat a four-year suspended sentence for breaking into the Paris Museum of Modern Art last June and cutting the four works from their frames. The other youth, Michael Pagnores, 16, got a three-year suspended sentence. —Reuter.

London Underground Smash



A grim, silent column makes its way out of Stratford Tube station after last week's collision between two underground trains. A railway man with a lamp guides the party. A nurse administers blood-plasma to one of the injured recovered from the wreckage of the smash as four policemen carry the stretcher away. —London Express Photo.

Mr Butler's Gesture To Amateur Sport

London, Apr. 14.

Cricket — England's traditional summer game, and amateur sport were today exempted from entertainments tax by Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

In his Budget speech this afternoon, Mr Butler said that he had now found a way of helping amateur sport in general. He was not concerned with the status of the individuals but with clubs and organisations. The exemption will apply to games, races and other sports provided by a club or a similar organisation established and conducted for the promotion and furtherance of amateur sport and not conducted or established for profit.

"It will, of course, be a condition that no remuneration should be paid to anyone actually taking part," Mr Butler said.

Mr Butler went on: "In most sports the amateur definition which I have devised will I think work reasonably well but it will not do for cricket. In this country cricket occupies a special class among sports, not only as forming part of the English tradition but as a common interest helping to bind together the various countries of the Commonwealth."

"With all this in mind, and as the total receipts of entertainments duty from cricket are so small, I propose to exempt it from duty altogether."

The concession will take effect from April 27 next.

Last year, cricket clubs were excused extra tax payment on gates after strong protests had been made in the House of Commons. It was then declared that if the extra tax had been imposed, duty on test match profits would have risen from £26,000 to £257,000.

Mr Butler also announced these tax reliefs:

Purchase tax reduced by one quarter;

Income tax rates all reduced by six pence in the pound;

The excess profits levy, designed to skim the cream from profits arising out of rearmament, will end from January 1, 1954;

An increase of £100 to £600 in the tax-free income limit for those aged 65 and over gives old people special relief.

HOW THE TAXPAYER WILL BENEFIT

London, Apr. 14.

This is how the British taxpayer will benefit from the new Budget:

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	£ 500	£ 23. 6. 8d.	£ 20. 12. 2d.
	£ 1,000	£ 47. 13. 10d.	£ 41. 10. 0d.
	£ 1,500	£ 70. 19. 4d.	£ 61. 10. 0d.
	£ 2,000	£ 93. 10. 0d.	£ 81. 10. 0d.
Married, no children	£ 250	£ 11. 3. 4d.	£ 9. 6. 1d.
	£ 500	£ 23. 6. 8d.	£ 20. 12. 2d.
	£ 1,000	£ 47. 13. 10d.	£ 41. 10. 0d.
	£ 1,500	£ 70. 19. 4d.	£ 61. 10. 0d.
	£ 2,000	£ 93. 10. 0d.	£ 81. 10. 0d.
Married, with one child	£ 250	£ 11. 3. 4d.	£ 9. 6. 1d.
	£ 500	£ 23. 6. 8d.	£ 20. 12. 2d.
	£ 1,000	£ 47. 13. 10d.	£ 41. 10. 0d.
	£ 1,500	£ 70. 19. 4d.	£ 61. 10. 0d.
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Married, with two children	£ 250	£ 11. 3. 4d.	£ 9. 6. 1d.
	£ 500	£ 23. 6. 8d.	£ 20. 12. 2d.
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HMS Conway Goes Aground

Caernarvon, Apr. 14. HMS Conway, 114-year-old wooden battleship now in use as a schoolship in Menai Straits went aground on the Caernarvonshire shore near Menai suspension bridge today.

Hundreds of people who had been crowding the bridge to see the veteran vessel pass under it on the first stage of her journey to Birkenhead to refit, saw her run aground. Efforts to refloat her were being made later today.

HMS Conway was formerly HMS Nile, a 92-gun ship of the Line which served in the naval campaign of the Crimean War. —Reuter.

Mau Mau Terrorism Expected To Affect S. African Elections

Johannesburg, Apr. 14.

Kenya's Mau Mau terror may have won the South African general election for Premier Daniel Malan's Nationalist Party, many independent observers believed today.

They are predicting a Nationalist victory in tomorrow's polling with a majority of at least 19 seats—an increase of seven over the majority in the last Union Parliament dissolved on March 4.

Nationalist leaders at meetings of the opposition United Party have raised the chant "Mau Mau" at speakers pleading for a more liberal approach to racial issues and pledging the Party to the summoning of a National Congress to consider South Africa's explosive racial problems.

Mau Mau taunts become so serious that the United Party leader, Mr J. G. Strauss, was forced to reply to them in almost the last major speech before voters go to the polls.

Addressing a meeting of 10,000 in Johannesburg Zoo Lake suburb on Saturday, Mr Strauss said, "It is a terrible reflection that, because of political obsessions of the Nationalist Party at a time when our white brothers in Kenya are in such mortal peril, there has not come from our Government any message of understanding nor even of token sympathy but only eager exploitation of the danger for Party political ends."

"To them the terror of Mau Mau outrages and defiance in our land are not the things that have to be solved. Instead, they are heaven-sent opportunities to be shown to the people on poster and pamphlet as the regular stock in trade of Nationalist political witch doctors. To stay in power they would divide brother against brother, white against white and to unite black against white."

But despite the United Party's attempts to focus attention on domestic issues such as the housing problem and the cost of living, tomorrow's election will almost certainly be decided on the "overwhelming racial issue facing the 2,500,000 whites in the country and the more than 8,000,000 coloured people."

Cries of "Mau Mau" have been one of the Nationalists' most powerful eve of election weapons.

Although United Party supporters, particularly in Johannesburg, are confident that tomorrow's election will reverse the late 1948 result, when the Party under the late Field-Marshal Jan Christiaan Smuts was swept from office after 30 years in power, independent observers who have toured the

country believe that the Nationalists will win again.

The Nationalists have conducted an all-out campaign on slogans of "white supremacy" and apartheid—segregation of South Africa's native population—and each fresh murder in Kenya has aided them. —United Press.

Miraculous Survival

Seattle, Apr. 14.

A crippled airliner loaded with soldiers smashed into a snow-covered mountainside on Tuesday and, miraculously, 19 of the 25, aboard apparently survived the pro-dawn wreckage.

In the late afternoon Coast-guard Cmdr. Robert T. Morris gave this report to search headquarters: 17 "stretcher cases" at the wreck scene, four known dead, two rescued, two unaccounted for.

Rescuers rushed doctors with blood plasma and morphine to the isolated scene to aid the injured.

"It's possible we will be dragging these people out all night," Morris said.

Twenty-two of those aboard the DC-3 were soldiers—Associated Press.

Shah's Relatives Arrested

Tehran, Apr. 14.

Two cousins of Queen Suraiyya, wife of the Shah, have been taken into custody with two Army officers, evening newspaper reported here today.

The two men were said to have been involved in the Bakhtiari revolt in southern Persia. —Reuter.



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REMOVING THE BARRIERS

Major Effort For Liberalisation Of World Trade

Paris, Apr. 14.

Western Europe and, probably, the United States are expected to make one of their most determined efforts in the next few months to break down the trade barriers now standing in the way of the economic stability of the free world.

This expectation goes beyond the pious platitudes of the past, thanks to the unanimous decision, taken by the 18 members of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (O.E.E.C.) at their recent Paris meeting, that trade can and must be liberalised, and soon.

While this in itself might appear to be just another commendation likely to be thwarted by national prejudices and changing international circumstances, three important factors give hope of concrete results.

1. The suggestion of the O.E.E.C. resolution on liberalisation of trade means that this has now become Government policy throughout Western Europe.

2. The short time limits which O.E.E.C. members have been set in which they must try to produce action is both an innovation and an indication of the urgency of the problem.

3. Britain has already taken an important lead in reducing her import restrictions and this example by an extreme debtor is likely to influence at least the European creditor countries to follow suit.

The British initiative, taken at a time when the maintenance of her restrictions threatened to set back the whole precarious free trade policy of Europe will have effects going far beyond the immediate help it offers France and Italy.

MAIN TASK
The French and Italian sterling balances were running out at such a rate that the two countries, large scale importers from the sterling area, felt that they had no alternative but to slash their purchases from Britain and the Commonwealth.

This step would have started a dangerous chain reaction throughout the whole network of European trade, built up so laboriously and in the face of so many difficulties in the last four years.

Instead of the remaining barriers being demolished, new ones would have been erected. Governments would have been inclined to return to bilateral agreements, and the slow building up of European unity would have been set back years.

Britain, though still the heaviest debtor in the European Payment Union, despite her improving balance of payments position, decided to take the risk and was thus able to reverse the trend, one which now bodes well for the future.

MOST CRITICAL
Danger spots remain, however. The most critical is France, the only country singled out by name in the O.E.E.C. resolutions which asked her to take "the appropriate measures to ensure the progressive liberalisation of imports."

The Organisation's member countries were asked to notify the O.E.E.C. by April 30 "at the latest" of the measures which they had taken to expand imports and the Council would examine the situation "and in particular the position of France" by the end of May.

It is too much to expect that France can overcome her economic and financial troubles by the time the drastic import restrictions which she originally planned have been abandoned, but some cuts are inevitable if her sterling gap is to be bridged.

The British concessions on her own import barriers and the increase in the foreign tourist allowance will go some way towards solving France's sterling problem. But the opening which Britain has provided does not guarantee that France will be able to earn the precious pounds.

NOT HOPELESS
French exports, such as textiles, gloves and shoes, which can now enter Britain freely, are all very expensive because of high production and labour costs here, and they will find it difficult to compete with the cheaper British goods.

But the French position is not hopeless. In the preamble to its resolution, the O.E.E.C. Council declared that "it is possible for France progressively to return to the liberalisation of trade if new remedial measures are undertaken by the French Government; if the restrictions particularly affecting France are removed or considerably relaxed; and if French exporters redouble their export drive to the sterling area."

The second condition has now been largely met and other countries, particularly creditors, which follow the O.E.E.C. call for more and freer trade, have been asked to consider France's special difficulties when deciding future action.

It now remains to be seen whether the French Government and the French businessmen can fulfil the other two conditions.

They can only be encouraged but not directed from outside. One form of practical encouragement can be expected from the O.E.E.C.'s newly established European Productivity Agency created at the last, and highly successful, Council Meeting.

Sabre Jets Begin Arriving At Base In Germany

Landstuhl, Apr. 14.

The U.S. Air Force in Germany, for long underdog to Russia's swift MIG-15s, received a powerful reinforcement today with the arrival of its first Germany-based F-86 Sabre jets.

Thirteen Sabres landed at this big U.S. airbase 25 miles west of the Rhine River 16 days after they started out from Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. Their flight was delayed by bad weather and went over a secret route.

Six planes which had left with them on March 30 dropped out enroute because of mechanical trouble.

The 13 Sabres now here will soon be joined by 12 more to fill out the 527th Fighter-Bomber Squadron at Landstuhl. Eventually Sabres will replace all F-84 Thunderjets stationed in Germany which are much slower than the Soviet-built MIGs.

They will patrol the German skies to help prevent repetition of the March 10 incident when an American F-84 fell easy prey to two Czech MIGs roaring into Germany.

Last week, 48 Canadian Sabre-jets arrived in Germany to be stationed at Zweibrücken as part of Canada's NATO air division.

British Royal Air Force pilots of the Second Allied Tactical Air Force in Germany are also preparing to receive at least three Sabre squadrons to replace Vampire and Venom jets, outmoded like the Thunderjet.

At Landstuhl, the Sabres were enthusiastically greeted by airmen, including the Commander of the Twelfth Air Force, Major-General Dean C. Strother.

Col. George R. Bleckell of Nutley, New Jersey, Commander of the 88th Fighter-Bomber wing, declared:

"This is a proud day for us. The Sabre jets will further strengthen the growing air arm of the NATO powers with whom we are dedicated to the defence of Western Democracy."

WITHIN A WEEK
Lt-Col. George B. Simler of Johnston, Pennsylvania, who commands the 88th Fighter-Bomber Group to which the Sabres are assigned, expected that the planes will be operational within a week. They were ferried over to Germany by U.S. based pilots.

Leader of the flight was Major R. F. Kenney of Coronado, California.

The men who will take them over celebrated the Sabres' arrival by wearing their special blue-gold Squadron cockades.

Among the first outsiders in Germany who will have a look at the new arrivals will be former Luftwaffe fliers—members of the Richthofen fighter wing—who were invited by the Twelfth Air Force to Landstuhl on the occasion of their annual veterans' meeting next April 21.—Associated Press.

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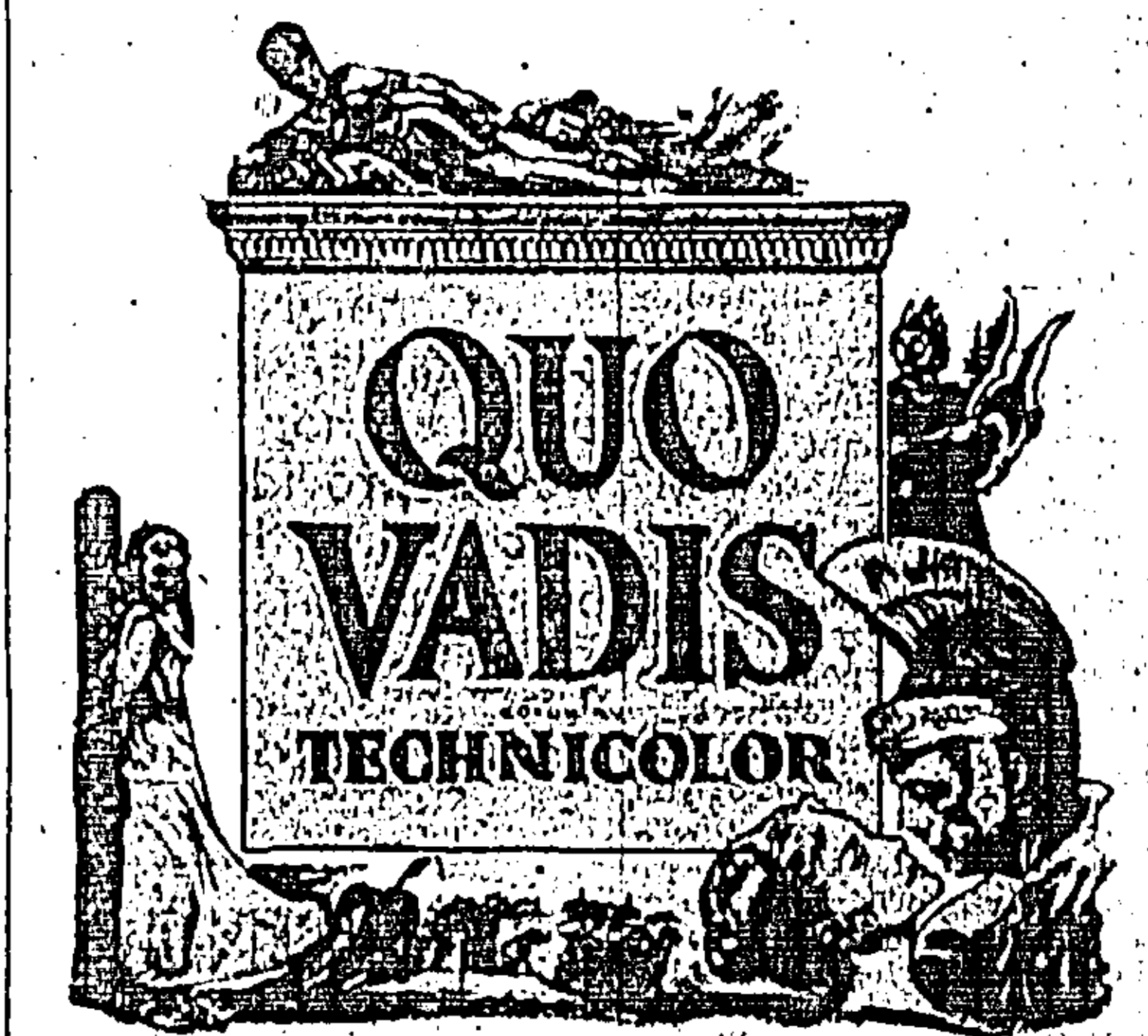
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Naval Review At Spithead Biggest Since 1937

London, Apr. 14.

Ships of the British and Commonwealth Navies will soon be steaming into English waters for the Queen's Coronation Review at Spithead on June 15. Some, including the Australian and New Zealand representatives, are already on the way.

It will be the greatest assembly of ships since King George VI reviewed the Fleet in 1937.

More than 200 warships of many nations from the battleship Vanguard down to submarine and small patrol boats, will be there for the Queen to inspect. There will also be 50 merchant ships, from tugs to liners, and a thousand yachts. Many of the visiting warships will make Coronation calls at other British ports, before assembling at Portsmouth. Most of the review ships will be at anchorages at least five days before the Queen's inspection. Organising the Review has been attended by shoals of proclamations, orders, signals. Yet it was the tide and the tide alone, which decided on which day the Queen would inspect her assembled fleet.

That was the first problem the admirals planning the display had to tackle. To be truly a Coronation occasion, it had to be a day soon after June 2. It had to be one which the Queen had free. And it had to be a day when the flood tide, on which the ships could swing in neat lines, occurred at a suitable hour.

MANY PROBLEMS

A well-thumbed tide-table was produced. From it, the admirals got their answer—June 15 at 3.30 in the afternoon.

A dozen senior naval officers are still meeting once a week at Portsmouth to deal with problems like that. There are plenty of them. It takes supreme organisation to assemble so many ships from all parts of the world, and then to have them neatly spaced out between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight for the Queen to see in one afternoon.

There are also other things to be arranged. A second fleet, of Admiralty tugs and launches, will be at Spithead that day. They are being pressed into service from every port and naval depot to act as "messengers" and "ferries" between the ships. Quartermasters have to provide extra supplies of food. They will want 200 tons of potatoes, 80 tons of fresh vegetables and at least six tons of bread a day. There will be extra stocks of rum. For, as soon as the Review is over, the signal, "Splice the mainbrace" will be flashed to all ships.

"HOST" SHIPS
Every foreign warship will have a British ship as "host". There will be exchange visits, and, ashore a garden party and ball will be held.

An estimated million people will watch from the shore as the Queen passes the great mile-long lines of ships in the

frigate Surprise. Circling pleasure craft will carry many thousands more. They will be, in addition to the thousands of servicemen, Reservists, Wrens, Sea Cadets and Colonial troops who, as guests of the Royal Navy, will line the decks of the review ships.

During the inspection 300 aircraft, including some from Australia and Canada, will fly in formation over the Fleet.

The greatest spectacle for the people lining the sea front at Portsmouth and Southsea will come with darkness when, at the flick of a switch, the ships at anchor will be outlined in light. Later, there will be a fireworks display to complete the carnival atmosphere. — London Express Service.

PAKISTANI APPROACH TO U.N.

Karachi, Apr. 14.

The Pakistan government will ask the U. N. Security Council to take up the Kashmir dispute and "clearly specify the number of troops to be retained on either side of the demilitarisation line," official sources said today.

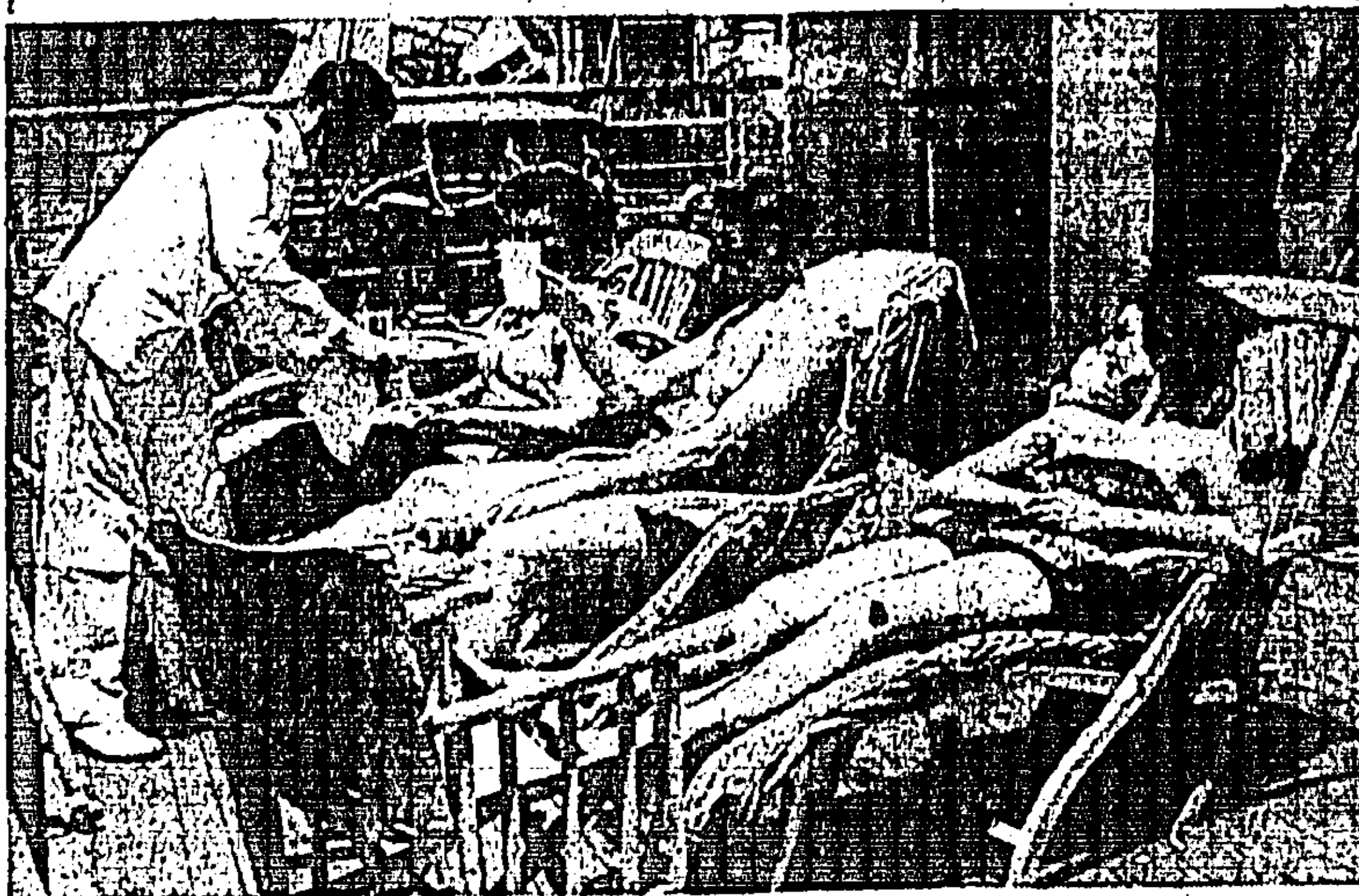
The Pakistan government will also demand the installation of a plebiscite administration, the sources said.

The sources added that a direction to this effect is already on the way to Pakistan Ambassador Ahmad Shah Bhopani at the United Nations.

A proposed Nehru-Nazimuddin meeting will not affect Pakistan's efforts to seek a solution on Kashmir through United Nations, the sources said.

Dr Frank P. Graham, U.N. mediator on Kashmir, reported to the Security Council on September 24, 1952 that his discussions with members of the Indian and Pakistani governments in Geneva from August 28 to September 10 had failed to produce any agreement. The discussions had sought to settle the character and number of forces to be left on each side of the ceasefire line after completion of the main programme of demilitarisation before the holding of a plebiscite to decide whether the disputed Kashmir was ultimately to be ruled by India or Pakistan. — Associated Press.

Keith Miller Celebrates Occasion



Ice-d drinks and sunshine on the liner Oreades, on the way to Colombo, with the Australian Test Team of cricketers on board on their way to England. And Keith Miller, Australia's star all-rounder, celebrates the crossing of the "line".—Express Photo.

W. Germany Busy Preparing For Federal Elections

Bonn, Apr. 14.

The campaign for the 1958 parliamentary election, West Germany's second postwar federal poll, already is under way with parties collecting campaign funds and purging troublesome rebels.

The three coalition parties, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democrats, the Free Democrats and the German Party, have got a head start on the Socialist opposition in the collection of funds.

Polk Case Controversy Revived

Athens, Apr. 14.

A ranking U. S. Embassy source said today that the Embassy would be "interested" over any new development which would "cast doubt on the verdict" returned by a Greek court in the 1948 slaying of American newspaperman George Polk.

The source referred to a current series running in the large Athens newspaper Apoyevmatini which promised to publish "sensational" facts surrounding the controversial Polk case.

Apoyevmatini revived the five-year-old murder with a front-page story which will run for 10 days. Embassy officials expressed surprise over yesterday's article, which claimed that Gregory Stakopoulos, a Greek reporter sentenced to life imprisonment for complicity in the Polk slaying, is not in jail but living in Greece security police headquarters at Salonika and accorded "special treatment" by the police.

An American source pointed out that the Polk case is the "responsibility of Greek authorities." But underlined that "the interest of U. S. authorities also would be drawn toward any new findings."

According to Apoyevmatini today, Polk's widow, Greek-born Rea Polk, returned to Greece early this month for a two-week stay in Athens and returned to the U. S.

There was no mention made in the press at the time of her visit and her presence in Athens was not known until after she left.

Polk's wife frequently expressed the belief that the Greek courts never produced the "complete and true facts" surrounding her husband's death. — Associated Press.

On the other hand, the Socialists have a tight party organisation which requires no pre-election house cleaning.

The manner in which the deputies to the new parliament will be elected is still the subject of bitter dispute, and the government has not yet indicated when it will call the election, although best bets are that the date will be in early September.

The government has proposed an involved election law, authored by Interior Minister Robert Lehr, aimed at perpetuating itself in office.

Under this bill, the size of the lower house (Bundestag) of parliament would be increased from its present 401 seats to 484. One half of these deputies would be elected directly, the remainder by proportional representation. On the direct election, each voter would have two ballots—a "first choice" and a "second choice." If, after the "first choice" ballots are counted, no candidate has won an absolute majority of all votes cast, the "second choice" will be counted.

Government sources say this system would insure the government a two-thirds majority in the lower house, which is necessary if the constitution is to be amended.

Meanwhile, the coalition parties are busy collecting campaign funds. Industrialists have been assessed on the basis of the number of workers they employ—if it is a small firm, they are asked to kick in 60 pfennigs (14 cents) per employee; if they are a large company, 1.10 marks (24 cents) per employee.

Best estimates are that the three coalition parties will, in this fashion, collect about 36,000,000 marks (\$8,871,000).

The Socialists seek to acquire funds from the wealthy co-operative stores.

Meanwhile, the coalition parties have opened a house cleaning campaign. First step in the fight was taken by the German Party, which reorganised its branch in North Rhine-Westphalia, which includes the populous Ruhr. — United Press.

No Limits To Application Of Electronics

London, Apr. 14.

Electronics, for the first time in history, have given man a medium which appears to possess no physical limits to its application, Sir Robert Kenwick, leading British electronics engineer, said today.

He was speaking at a lunch of radio and electronic component manufacturers.

He said electronics "are rapidly becoming the robot servant of mankind." Research and development were going on without pause and the components of tomorrow might be so revolutionary in design as to be unrecognisable by today's standards. — Reuter.

DUKE VISITS DEVONPORT

Bristol, Apr. 14.

A 21-gun Royal Salute greeted the Duke of Edinburgh when, in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, he visited Devonport dockyard today to present end-of-cruise prizes to cadets aboard the cadet training cruiser Devonshire.

The Duke presented the Queen's Sword for best all-round cadet to 18-year-old N. G. R. Carruthers, son of a primary school teacher. Later the Duke joined cadets for a glass of beer in the canteen and chatted with many of them, including the runner-up for the Queen's Sword, Cadet John Whittington, 18, of Bromley, Kent. — Reuter.

Drowned While Training

Death Of Soldiers In Malaya

London, Apr. 14.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bromley Davenport (Conservative) today asked the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Anthony Head, whether he was aware of the deep concern felt by the public in reading that four British soldiers were drowned recently in Kuala Lumpur in a 100-foot deep pool.

Colonel Bromley said the drowning occurred when the soldiers were swimming in the pool fully clothed and equipped during training.

He asked for the ages of these soldiers and whether Mr. Head would institute the fullest possible inquiry to find out the reason for this fatality and urge all officers concerned with such training to see that every precaution was taken in future to see that such an unnecessary loss of life was avoided.

Mr. Head said in a written reply:

"I learned with great regret of this accident in Malaya in which two officers and two soldiers of the 22 Special Air Services Regiment were drowned."

"The ages of the officers were 23 years 11 months and 30 years and three months and of the soldiers 24 years seven months and 18 years nine months."

"I have not yet received the proceedings of the court of inquiry set up to investigate the circumstances."

"I shall, however, give immediate attention to any question of safety precautions, whether locally or generally, which they may raise." — Reuter.

Memorial To Wingate

London, Apr. 14.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, has sent a message of good wishes to Wingate Village on the slopes of Mt. Carmel in Israel, which was opened today by Mrs. Lorna Wingate, widow of the famous Chindit leader, Major-General Orde Wingate.

Creation of the village was made possible by contributions of £75,000 raised by the Anglo-Jewish community.

The village is called Wingate because of the deep interest taken by General Wingate in Zionism. He helped train Jewish villagers to defend themselves during the Arab troubles of 1936-39.

Various buildings are named after Jewish communities which helped financially to raise them including Glasgow, Liverpool and Manchester. — Reuter.

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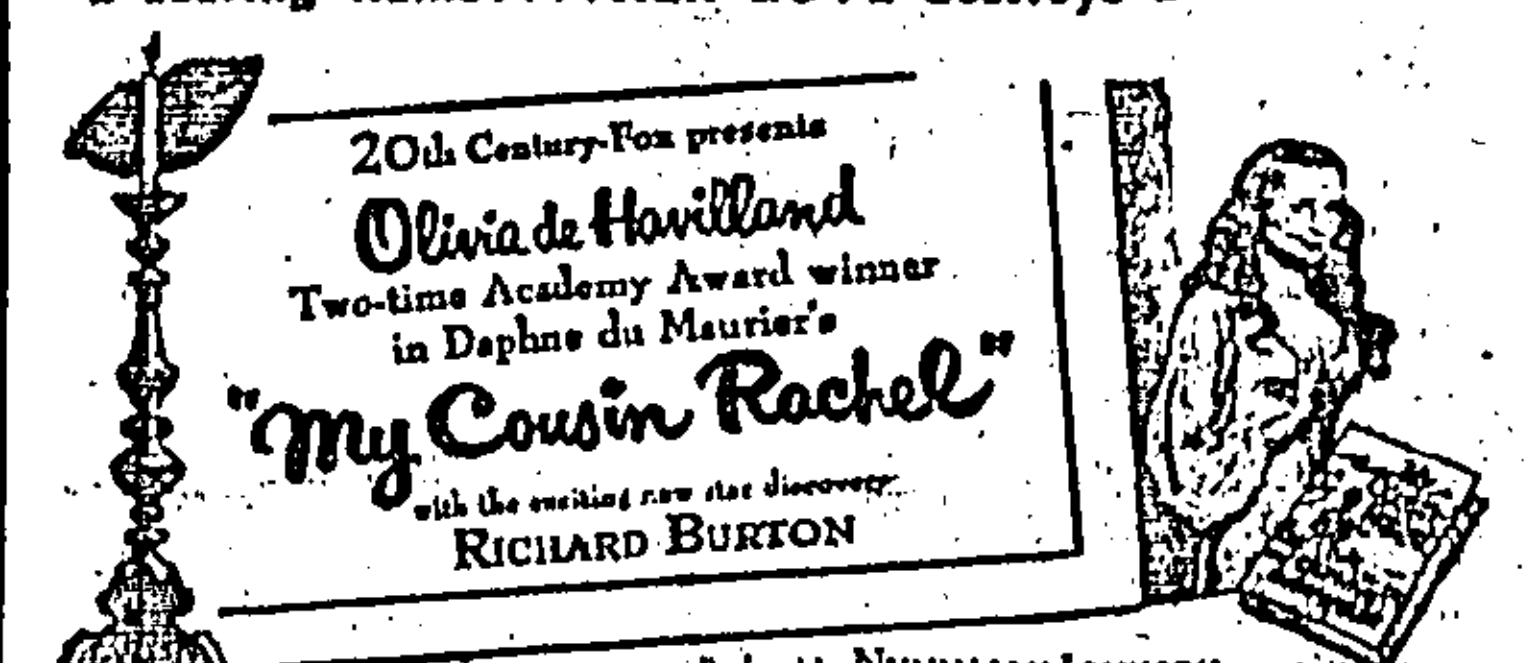
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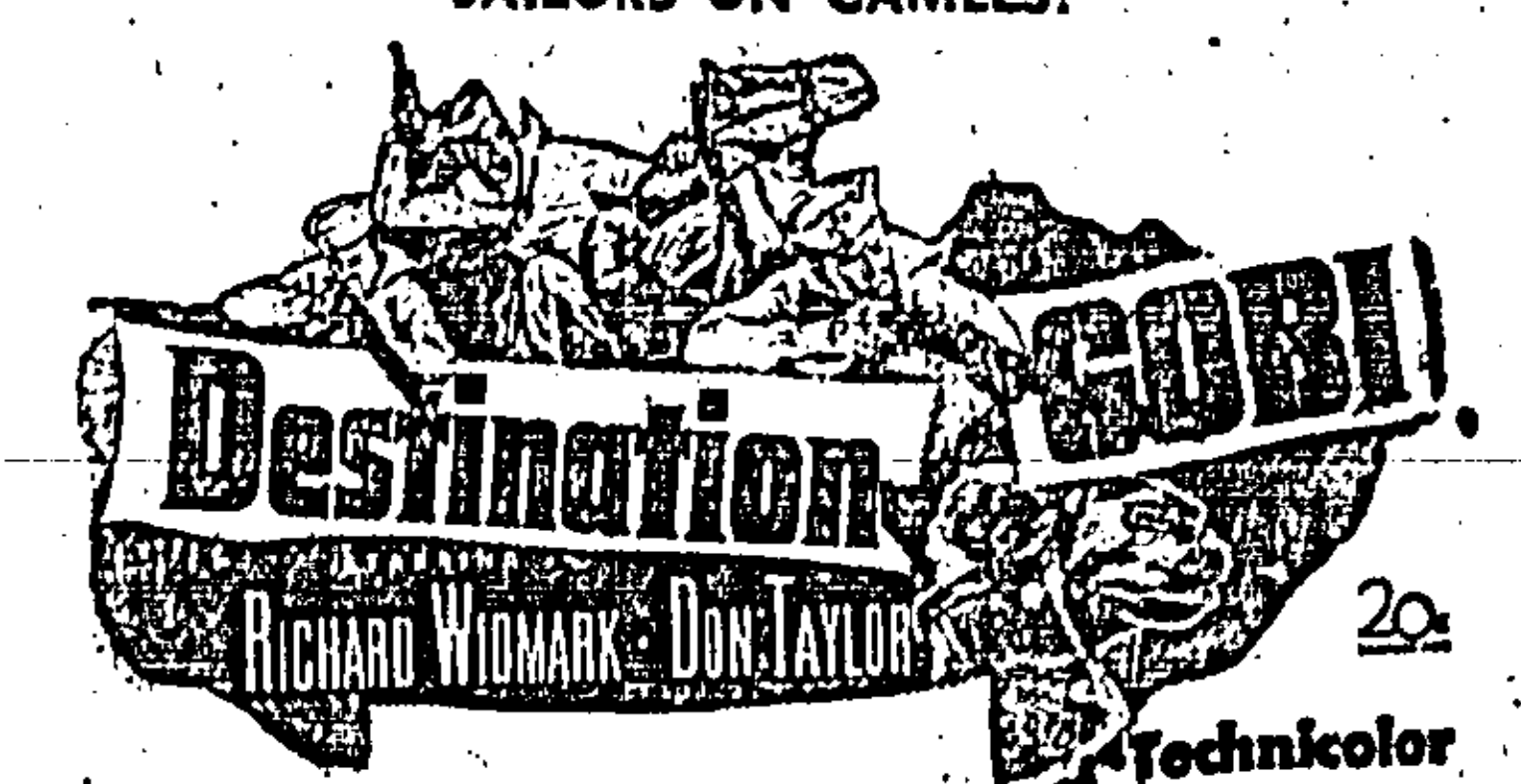
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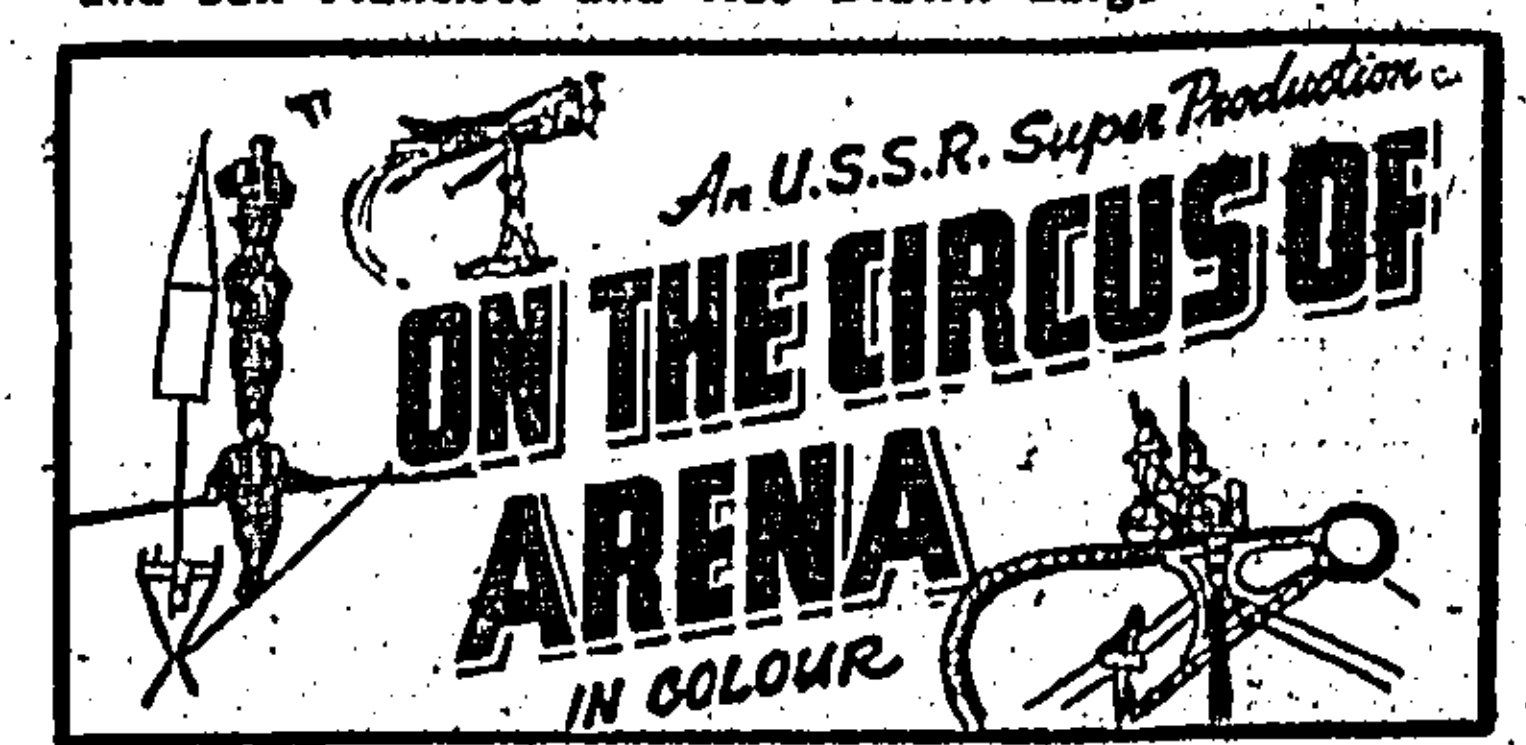


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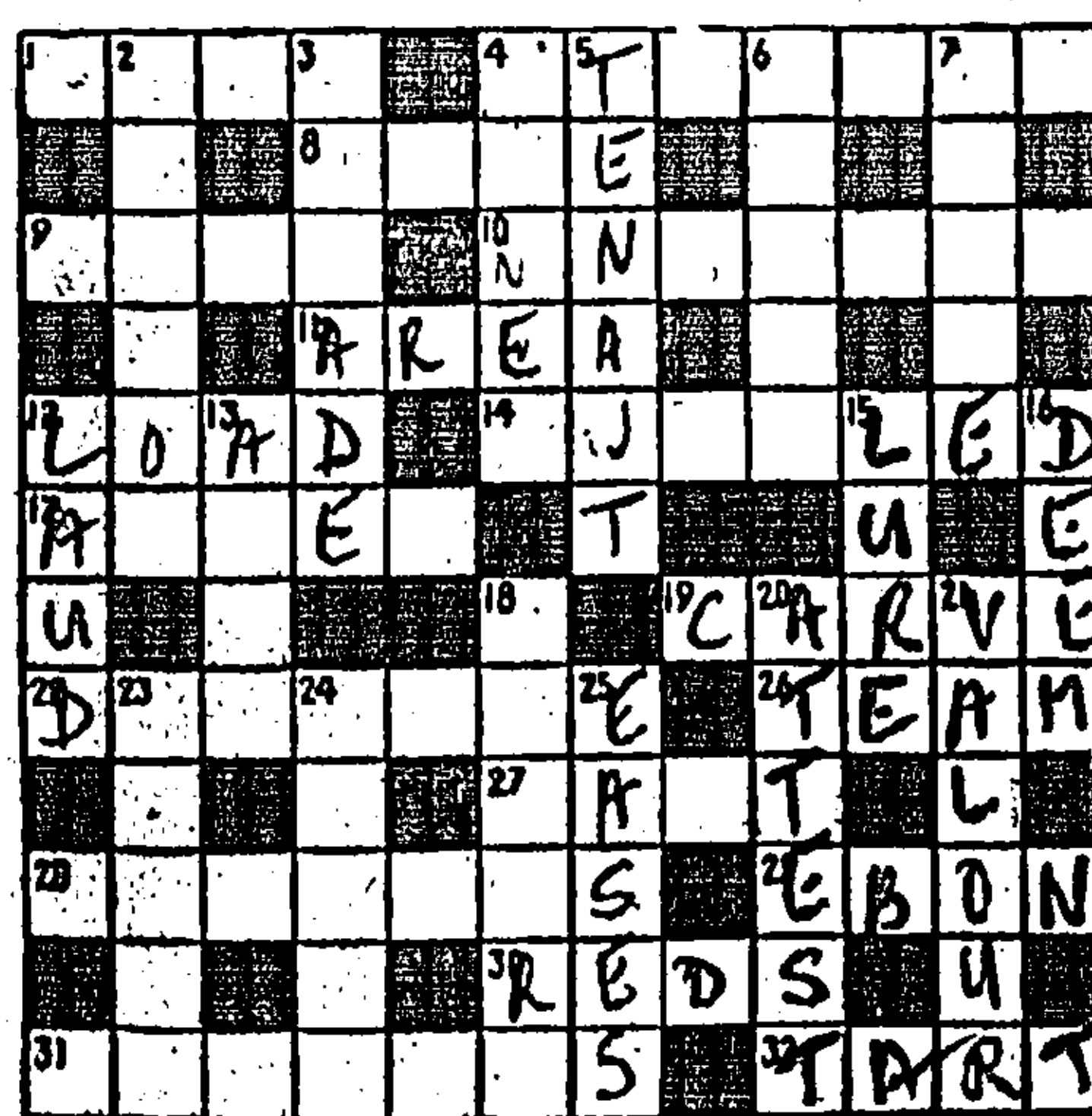
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- ACROSS
- 1 Cat cousin (4).
 - 4 Opening (7).
 - 8 Flare up (4).
 - 9 Landing-stage (4).
 - 10 Famous (7).
 - 11 Extent (4).
 - 12 Burden (4).
 - 14 Hardened (7).
 - 17 Rage (5).
 - 19 Hew (5).
 - 22 Deftness (7).
 - 26 Slide (4).
 - 27 Enormous (4).
 - 28 Lays waste (7).
 - 30 Black (4).
 - 31 Military headgear (7).
 - 32 Expression (4).
- DOWN
- 2 Colliding in pitch (6).
 - 3 Scrape (6).
 - 5 Liberates (6).
 - 6 Resident (6).
 - 7 Score (6).
 - 13 Wash out (6).
 - 15 Praise (4).
 - 16 Very excited (4).
 - 18 Attract (4).
 - 19 Consider (4).
 - 20 Refer to (6).
 - 21 Bear witness (6).
 - 23 Bravery (6).
 - 24 Take out (6).
 - 25 Territory (6).
 - 26 Relieves (6).

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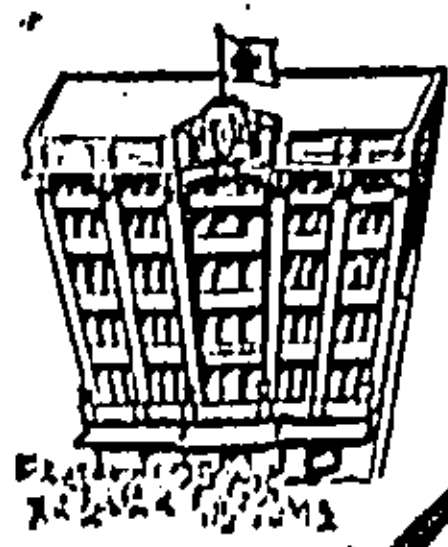
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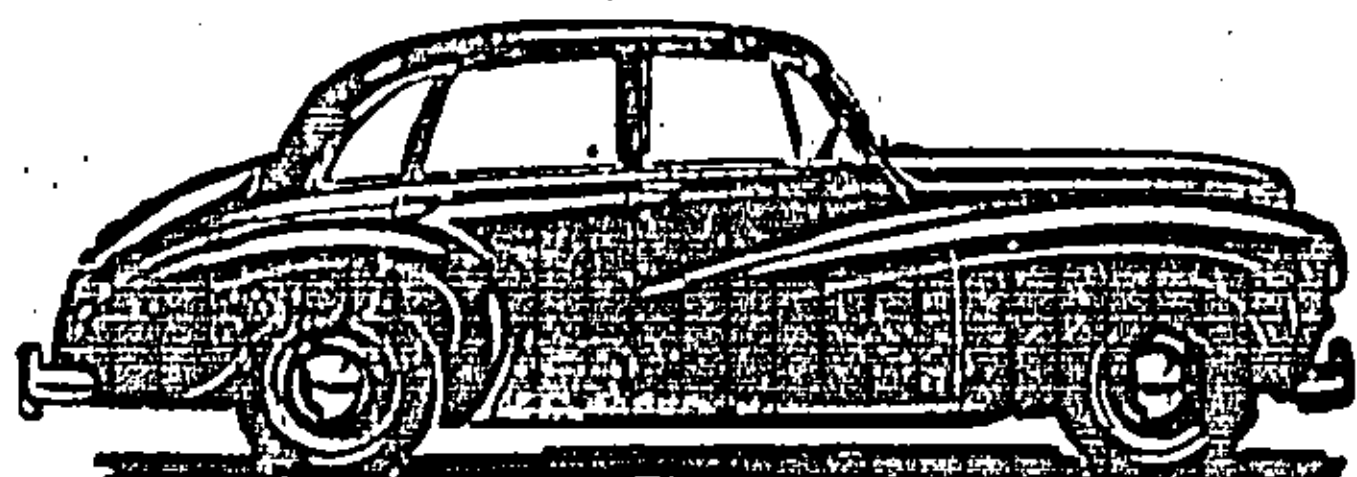
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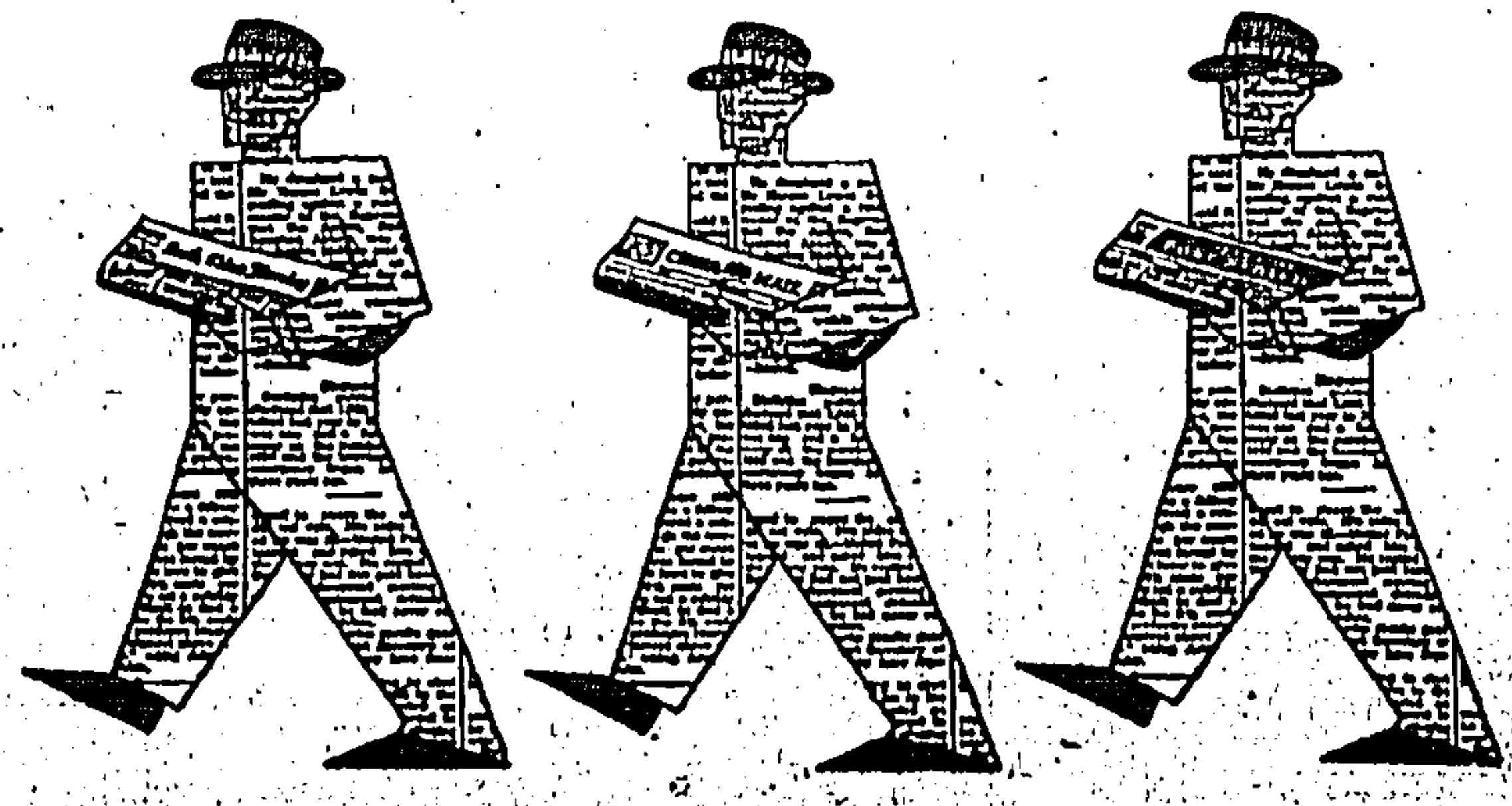
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"Come out, darlings, and show Auntie and Uncle the nice little suits Mummy made you for Easter."

London Express Service

RED STRAWS IN the PEACE WIND

By Patrick Maitland, MP

MARSHAL Tito was positive on one point when he discussed Russia with Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden. The crisis of Stalin's death had long been foreseen. It would in Russia be considered likely to last several years. And it would compel Stalin's successors to keep well away from war in the meantime.

But, in Tito's view, it was impossible to make any forecast of events after three years ahead.

Such is the sense of reserve which governs Whitehall as each straw in the wind of peace is wafted gently up the Thames.

These straws may or may not mean what they seem to indicate—that Russia would like an all-round peace settlement as soon as possible. But they are presumably intended to carry that message.

President Eisenhower's "government of millions," as it was to make a straightforward pact with Hitler to divide the spoils of war.

Any such agreement with the West will be preceded by a tediously infinite series of tests, probes, inquiries, feelers, balloons d'essai, canards, propaganda stories of every sort. These must all be appraised coldly, without enthusiasm, by the West.

Meanwhile, that is the mood of critical examination in which perhaps the most tantalising hint yet received is now being studied. This is a letter to Dr. Konrad, the new American High Commissioner in West Germany, from Dr. Nikolaus Koch, of Tuebingen University.

Dr. Koch is a leading member of the pro-Soviet "German Group of the International Conference for the Peaceful Solution of the

German Problem." This group of university intellectuals has been working for several years ostensibly to lift out of Great Power politics the issue of Germany's present division and heartfelt national desire for unification. For practical purposes, what Dr. Koch says and does is what he is told he may say and do by the Soviet Military HQ in the Russian Zone.

Dr. Koch asserts categorically in his letter that M. Malenkov is willing to apply to other countries, if they wish, the policy on Germany set out in the Soviet Government's notes to the Western Powers in 1952. These proposed that East and West Germany form a single state on the basis of free elections in each.

The project broke down because the West was not satisfied either that conditions for free elections would in fact obtain in the Russian

Zone, or that the resultant joint government would not be unduly weighted in favour of the one-third of Germany under Russian control against the two-thirds open to the West. On the other hand the Russian notes did imply that the Iron Curtain would be raised for East Germany, and there would be free movement of goods, services and people in both directions.

The West need not worry about Germany's becoming a Communist People's Democracy as the condition for unification. In other words, we have the principle of peaceful co-existence proposed here in a practical context.

However, it is very difficult to believe that this offer—to lift the Iron Curtain from the whole of Eastern Europe—can be taken at its face value. For it contradicts everything the Soviet Government has done in Eastern Europe since the war. Indeed, it can be imagined that this letter is intended rather to shake the will of members of the Upper House of the Bonn Parliament, whose Lower House recently voted for ratification of the EDC Treaty and the Bonn Agreements.

Moreover, if Malenkov's unofficial university spokesman is willing to risk the assurance that Russia would not expect to see the economic structure of West Germany altered, his master appears to be quite enough about East Germany itself.

President Pieck writes in *Taegische Rundschau*, organ of the Soviet Control Commission, that the task of turning East Germany into a hundred percent People's Democracy "must now be faced." This article was given special emphasis by a reprint in *Pravda* and a broadcast from Moscow.

When two retired chaps get talking

—by—

Nathaniel Gubbins

**Countryman's
Diary**

Now the spring has come at last, the bright sunshine has warmed the cold earth and awakened the drowsy countryside, which has slumbered so long through the dark days of winter.

Already the early buds are opening, and we shall soon see the pink almond blossoms shining on their black branches.

Already on the chestnut trees we can see tiny green fists unclenching, soon to be among the darling buds of May; and later, in full bloom to candy like a thousand summer breezes.

That is, if we get any summer, or any gentle breezes and if I am thinking of the right tree.

Already now, bustling life is swarming in the coppice and meadow, where sparkling eyes peer at you from every hedge and burrow, and white, bobbing tails flash across bright green fields.

Already now, bustling life is swarming in the woodlands, where little homes have been made in the tall trees and clutches of eggs nestle in secret places.

Already now, bustling life is swarming on the garbage heap

where flies, roused early from their winter sleep, have made little homes and laid enough eggs in secret places to make life infernal in July. About noon the sun is high, the thrifty chaffinches, robins and hedge sparrows can be seen dipping their beaks in the pond to drink their fill. About the same time, the thrifty Old Mr. Gull can be seen in the village, dipping his beak into a pig's ear.

The Sparrows

"The Sparrows' Nest. The Sparrows are nesting in the little bit of new garden I spaded for them. They are very busy."

The front door of the West flow open, and the Sparrows' wife hopped in, her feathers ruffled and her beady eyes bright with excitement.

"Wake up," she said, snatching the bit of newspaper off his beak. "I've got some wonderful news."

The Sparrows opened one eye to glare at her, yawned and closed it again.

"I'll give you three guesses," said his wife.

"I don't want three guesses," said The Sparrows.

"What would you like to hear more than anything else in the world?" asked his wife.

"That Russia's on fire," said The Sparrows.

"Oh, don't be silly," said his wife. "This news is more wonderful than that."

The Sparrows yawned again, revealing a little furred tongue.

AMERICA COLUMN
from
NEWELL ROGERS

TAMING OF THE ATOM

New York.
FREE enterprise will get a bigger share of atomic power if President Eisenhower has his way.

News of the British Cabinet decision to replace bureaucratic control over its atomic project with a businesslike corporation will give a big boost to the Eisenhower programme.

He wants Congress to change the law, so that industry can use uranium for generating commercial electric power. The Government would still own all uranium.

President Eisenhower will send his message to Congress on the subject soon. His ideal is that the atom shall become a blessed bearer of peace and prosperity for man, lighting his home and lighting his way.

HARK, hark, the Humphrey Bogart dogs do bark—in Holmby Hills, near Hollywood.

Neighbour C. Y. Howard complained to the law. He found it difficult to write jokes for a radio show, "My friend Irma."

The yelps even upset his meals, he told Mrs. Bogart—Lauren Bacall.

And that sultry screen actress replied: "Don't eat them. But she was warned in court to keep the three-boxer dogs quiet."

THE working man disheartens university head. He gets 20 hours more leisure a week than his grandfathers.

Says Hutchins: "New methods of wasting it, and new objects to waste it on, are being invented every day."

WHATEVER became of that Michigan commercial traveller named to inherit the \$40,000 net estate of Mrs. Sibyl Gape, in Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire?

All James Nugent Gape had to do was to move to England and carry on the 600-year-old family line. He was asked to decide by January, 1951.

I telephoned his wife. She said they are still thinking it over.

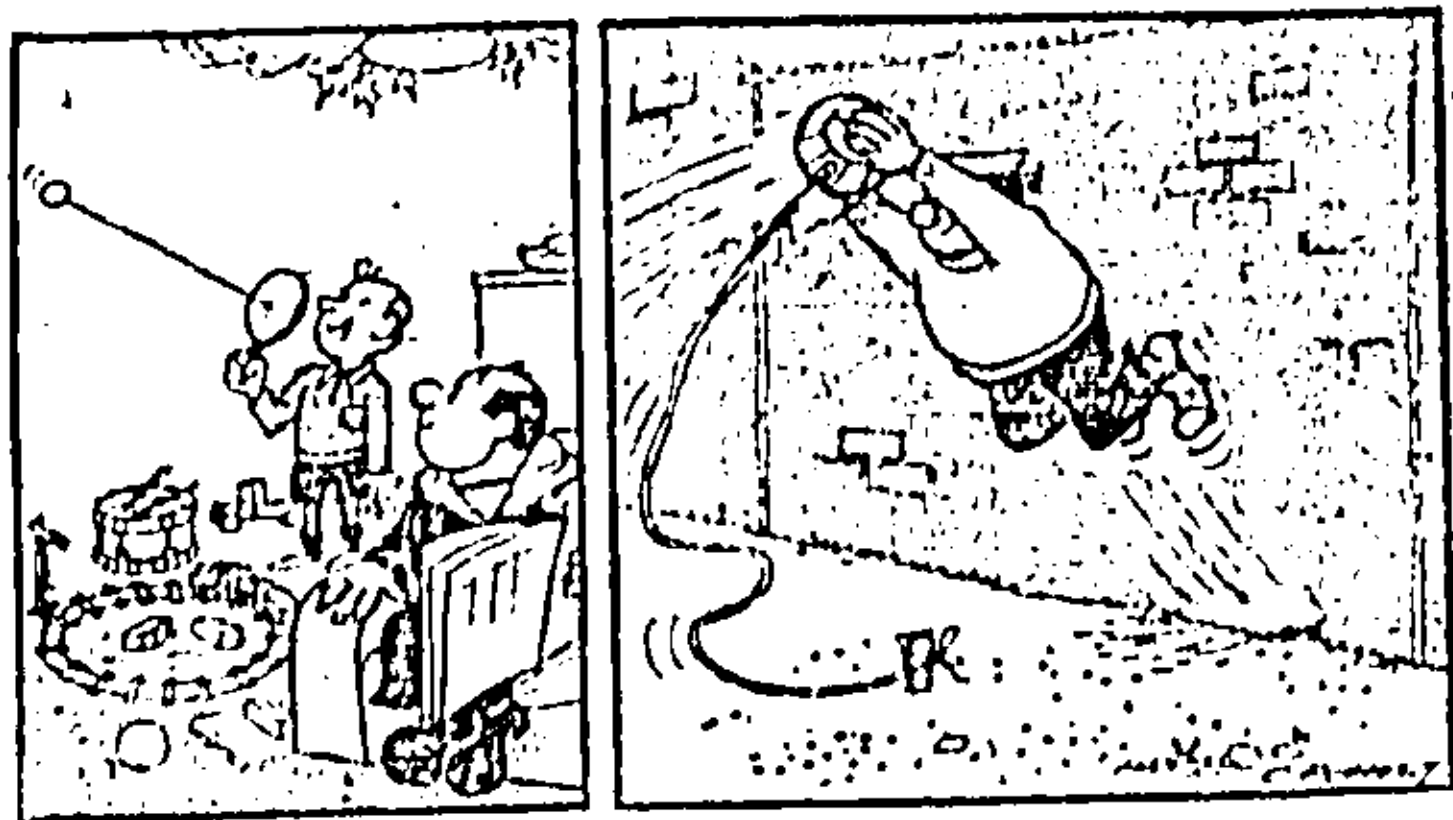
A pill, price four dollars, will protect you from atom-bomb radiation, scientists are telling the American Physiological Society.

It contains a drug called cysteine, and the pill would have to be taken just before an atom bomb went off.

They have tried it out on mice.

SMOG (smoke and fog) was a prime issue among the half-million voters who went to the polls to elect the mayor of Los Angeles.

The smog stops Hollywood's outdoor picture-making, and causes illness among the "Angelinos," as its citizens are called. The smog is from oil refineries and factories; the fog from the Pacific Ocean.



THE BIG FIGHT RIDDLE

BOXING HAS JUST TAKEN A PUNCH ON THE NOSE — MARCIANO'S PROBOSCIS

Says HAROLD MAYES

Chicago.

Boxing has just taken a punch on the nose — the World Heavyweight Champion's nose.

For the two open blood vessels in the proboscis of Rocky Marciano, "discovered" by an ear, nose and throat specialist after an Illinois State Athletic Commission doctor had insisted only a few hours earlier that Rocky was in "perfect" condition, have set tongues of the knockers awagging.

Is Marciano a suspect Champion? Has the "discovery" been made because his handlers have found that the titleholder needed more time to get to peak condition after a layoff from active boxing since winning the title last September? Or was the move dictated because the dollars weren't tumbling merrily enough through the box-office till? These are the sort of questions being asked here today.

Let me answer them in rotation. There's nothing suspect about the Brockton Barber as a fighting proposition. I saw him in what proved to be his final workout.

He was just the same Marciano I saw crash Jersey Joe Walcott with a single punch in Philadelphia last September.

That means that as a boxer the bright-eyed, quick-thinking, soft-speaking champion still does everything the book says a great fighter shouldn't do.

HIS 100 ROUNDS

He punches off-balance; he hits off the wrong foot; he's still the easiest guy in the world to hit. But he still punches like lightning with both hands, and there's about as much future for an opponent who shows him his chin as there would be for a toy car tangling with a full-sized steamroller.

For all that, I doubt whether Rocky's physical condition was as good as it was when he won the crown. It was four or five pounds above his winning 13 stone two pounds, in spite of the fact that he had reportedly done over 100 rounds of boxing and 500 miles roadwork since January.

The box-office at the Chicago Stadium, the big, red-seated, four-tiered, building capable of seating 21,000 people, reported takings of 211,000 dollars, and orders for another 123,000 dollars.

While one International Boxing Club spokesman was saying the postponement will cost the promoters, the Jim Norris organization, at least 100,000 dollars, it could well be that that will be more than recoverable by the time of the new date for the fight—May 15—because of the increased speculation.

"Do I congratulate you or commiserate with you?" asked Truman Gibson, IBC secretary. "This is a great blow," was the reply of the shrewd business man. I first knew years ago as Joe Louis's lawyer—but I have to report that the smile did not leave his always pleasant countenance as he was saying it.

WALCOTT IS FIT

So while Marciano goes home to Massachusetts for 10 days' rest following the cauterisation operation to prevent the nose-bleeding which soaked his singlet in blood during the two sparring sessions early in the week, Jersey Joe Walcott, philosophical as ever, has returned to Atlantic City before resuming full training.

What will be the effect on the coloured veteran? Frankly, I don't think it will affect him in the slightest. The warrior father of six, who admits to being 39—though as I revealed last September, I believe him to be 48—is absolutely ageless as far as physical condition is concerned. If he doesn't possess the secret of eternal youth no one ever will, because he doesn't look a day older than when I

Marciano Leaves For Chicago

New York, Apr. 14. Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano left today for Chicago and his postponed fight with Jersey Joe Walcott.

Originally scheduled for April 10, the bout was postponed until May 15 because Marciano suffered a nose injury in training. He said today that his nose had healed but that nevertheless, he would wear special headgear in training to protect it.

Marciano will resume his training tomorrow and the day after at the Mid-West Gymnasium in Chicago, headed for Holland, Michigan, for further training.

He said he weighed 100 lb. today and expected to be down to 100 or 107 by fight time—United Press.

THE UNDERDOG

He misted many folks into believing last September that his legs would give out. They didn't let him down then, and they certainly won't this time.

"Joe, you get younger every time I see you," I told him after that session. "Why is it?"

"I guess I don't know, but it's very nice of you to say so. Thank you very much," was the reply of the quiet, almost reserved man who began fighting for the heavyweight title at an age when most fighters would be on the way out, and who is now awaiting his eighth title shot.

When he finally gets around to admitting his age, Walcott looks like going into history as the greatest physical specimen of all time. Certainly, on the workouts I saw, there was nothing to justify Walcott being a three-to-one underdog in the betting.

He wants the title back badly as a business booster for a new project which he's entering into with manager Felix Bonchicchio. They're opening a filling station with costly automatic car-washing plant, along with a roadside hotel with 50 self-contained bungalows. This will provide the bread and butter when Joe goes into retirement.

He said Jersey Joe and Bonchicchio hope to consolidate on the proceeds of this new Marciano fight because much of their previous earnings were reported lost when they backed Jersey Joe to win the last spar with Rocky.

Should Walcott win the return I've little doubt that he'd go on for one more fight. The reason for that supposition is that the man looming largest on the heavyweight horizon at this moment is another coloured former Champion, Cincinnati's Ezzard Charles.

Australia House Reception For Test Cricketers

London, Apr. 14.

Australian players discussed Test prospects with Len Hutton, Denis Compton, Alec Bedser and several other players certain of selection in England's Test team this season at an Australia House reception here today.

They also met English Cricket officials. Marylebone Cricket Club were represented by the President, the Duke of Beaufort, the Treasurer, Mr K. S. Altham, and the Secretary, Mr R. Aird.

Former English Test captain present were Sir Pelham Warner, F. H. Brown, G. O. Allen and Arthur Gilligan.

Cricket personalities included England's great opening pair, Jack Hobbs and Herbert Sutcliffe. Other English stars of the past present were C. B. Fry, G. L. Jessop, Frank Woolley, Maurice Leyland and Patsy Hendren.

Others present included the Marquess of Salisbury, Lord Wollaton, Lord Runciman, Lord Huntingfield, Viscount Bruce, the High Commissioners of Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Southern Rhodesia and the Agents-General of the six Australian States.

Lieutenant-General Sir Edmund Herring, leader of the Australian Coronation contingent, and Lieutenant-General F. H. Berryman, Director-General of the Royal tour of Australia, were also present.—Reuter.

BASEBALL SCORES

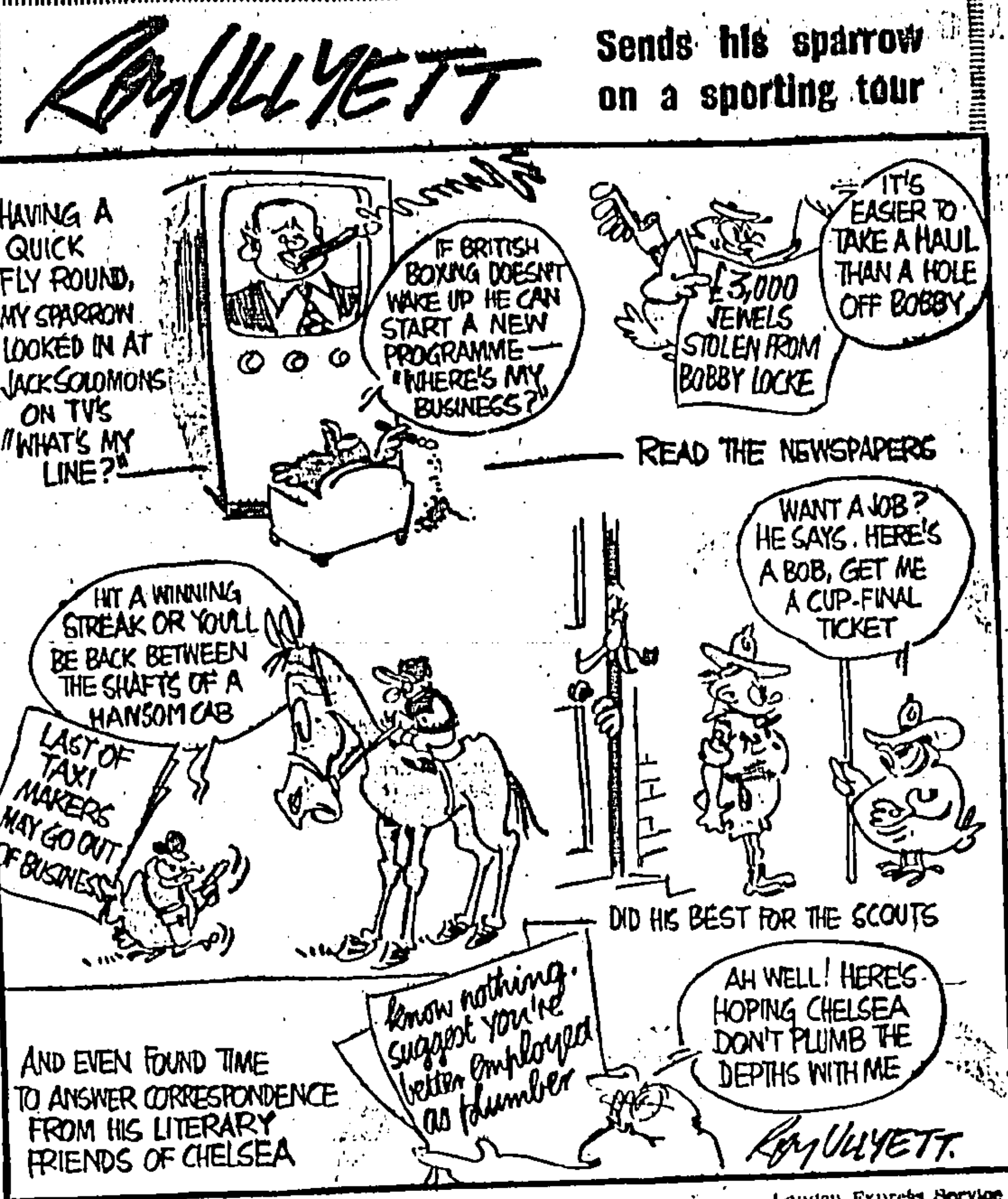
New York, Apr. 14. Today's baseball scores were:

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Philadelphia	5	9	1
New York	0	5	0
Chicago	0	1	2
Cleveland	0	1	2
National League		R	H	E
New York	.....	4	11	2
Philadelphia	.....	1	6	0
Pittsburgh	.....	5	8	0
Brooklyn	.....	8	13	0
St Louis	.....	2	6	1
Milwaukee	.....	3	6	2
(10 innings)				

—United Press.

Home Rugger Results

London, Apr. 14. Rugby results today were:
RUGBY LEAGUE
 Dewsbury 32, Liverpool 8.
RUGBY UNION
 Birkenhead Park 14, Liverpool 3.
 Exeter 8, Newport 19.
 Penryn 0, Ebbw Vale 3.
 Penzance, and Newry 5.
 Cardiff 5.—Reuter.



SAINTS HOLD SOUTH CHINA DOWN TO TWO GOALS WITH BRILLIANT DEFENCE

By "SPIV"

South China Athletic Association reached the penultimate stage in their bid to retain their First Division Soccer League title for the second year in succession when they defeated St Joseph's by two goals to nil yesterday.

They now lead their nearest rivals, Kitchee, by six points, but have played two matches more and are due to play off their final match on Tuesday against Eastern at the Club ground.

Underdogs St. Joseph's though defeated, put up a gallant show and the match turned out to be much more closely fought than anticipated.

South China fielded their full team, but the majority of their players showed the effects of the hectic week of representative matches which they had just gone through and were inclined to take matters rather easily, playing a safe game rather than going for the goals.

A brilliant defence by the Saints kept their formidable opponents to only one goal score in the first half and it was not until seven minutes from the end of the game that South China were able to notch their second and last goal of the evening.

The outstanding player yesterday was the Saints' goalkeeper, Swindells. Showing excellent positioning and anticipation, he dealt capably with the almost ceaseless barrage of shots that were meant to pass him. Rocha, Castilho and Toledo were also prominent in the Saints' defence.

In contrast to the fine display by their defenders, the Saints' forward line was a comparative failure. Only the two wingers constituted any threat, but received poor support from the inside forwards who more often than not were either too far down, helping the defenders, or showed little cohesion in their attacking moves.

Pau King-yn in the South China goal had very little to do with a rock-line defence in front of him led by Ko Po-keung and Lau Yee.

Tong Sheung was again prominent in the intermediate line, initiating a constant stream of offensive moves for the forward line, in which the trio of Mok Chun-wah, Yiu Chuk-yn and Lee Yuk-tak upheld their reputation of being the best in the Colony in their respective positions.

THE GOALS

After a preliminary stage of over a minute's exchange, South China opened the scoring in the fifth minute of the game with a rather lucky goal.

In attempting to dribble through the defence, Lee Yuk-tak was well tackled and the ball rebounded to Mok Chun-wah who cut in from the left, trapped the ball and sent in a rising drive at goal. Xavier, who in the meantime had come down to tackle Mok, only succeeded in deflecting the ball into the net.

South China gradually settled down into their smooth combined moves after this goal, but came up against some brilliant goalkeeping by Swindells from the Saints' defence. Lee Yuk-tak stopped a fierce drive by Tong Sheung and followed it up by stopping a good header by Lee Yuk-tak.

Two successive fine efforts by Perelra on the left wing came to naught, and at the other end Lee Yuk-tak missed a sitter when he drove in weakly to Swindells from point-blank range. At the interval South China led by 1-0.

The resumption saw Swindells again busy and successful in dealing with at least four shots that came his way.

In their turn in the South China goal, area, the Saints had

a shot at goal through Ritchie, but this was securely held by Pau. Another promising move between Xavier and Perelra was, however, nipped by Ko Po-keung.

An anxious moment for South China followed this when a melee ensued at the South China goalmouth from a corner kick. Tong Sheung, however, managed to clear the ball.

After these successful attempts, the Saints were soon pressed back into their half and the South China forwards again dominated play from then onwards, succeeding in increasing their score seven minutes from the end through Lee Yuk-tak with a fast grounder.

Johnny Williams Wins Easily

Lester, Apr. 14. Johnny Williams, British and Empire Heavyweight Champion, easily outpointed Ansel "Baba" Adams of Trinidad, in a superb display of boxing skill Monday night.

Poised as a ballerina, the lighter Williams kept up a steady drumfire of deadly lefts. The 10-round decision never was in doubt. He often landed as many as ten punches without reply from the Trinidad heavy-weight. Williams weighed 191 lb, and Adams 204.

On his form, Williams appeared a good bet to outspeed and even outpunch Don Cockell when they meet for the British title in London on May 12.—Associated Press.

Hawaiian Basketball Champions To Play Series In Hongkong

The Universal Motors quintet from Hawaii will arrive here from Manila on Saturday, April 18, for a series of six exhibition games in Hongkong.

This was announced at a meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Basketball Association yesterday when the following matches, to be played at the Southern Playground court, were also arranged:

Hongkong v. Universal Plymouth; All Stars v. Universal Plymouth; Combined South China and Eastern v. Universal Plymouth; Combined Chi Lik and Chinese YMCA v. Universal Plymouth; North v. Universal Plymouth; and Combined Hongkong v. Universal Plymouth.

The Universal Motors quintet recently made a clean sweep of their 10-game tour of Taipei, being seen in action by some 80,000 cage fans, but met with two reverses in Manila where they are at present.

Coach Chew Cheong-ching heads the expected U.M. five. The players are: Freddie "Happy" Lee, Bill Chey, Wally Tong, George Malama, Moses Miranda, Jim Ramstead, Bob Pickel and Jerry Lefty.

STAR OF THE TEAM
 Star of the team, according to press notices, is Fred "Happy" Lee, a driving and shooting proof that there is a place in basketball for little men. Lee is only five feet and four inches tall. He is reportedly fast and great in playmaking, shooting and in the defence.

The tiny cager, who was born of Chinese parents in Astoria, Oregon, averaged 18.5 points a game for a total of 415 points this year. His performance sparked the Universals to their third straight Hawaiian Championship.

Lee was the smallest man to make the All-Pacific Coast Northern Division All-Star Team. He was selected when playing one game with Oregon State College in 1944.

SOUTH KOREANS BEATEN AGAIN AT SINGAPORE
 Singapore, Apr. 14. The touring South Korean football team today suffered their second defeat in three games in Singapore when they lost 2-1 to a Combined Services team.

Local fans are disappointed with the Koreans' poor show.—Franco-Press.

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Colours Presented By Queen

Windsor, Apr. 14. At Windsor Castle today Queen Elizabeth presented new colours to the Queen's Company, Grenadier Guards, of which regiment she is Colonel-in-Chief.

The old colours of the Queen's Company were marched off parade before the arrival of the Queen.

She was received on parade by the Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, General Lord Jeffreys, who escorted her to the saluting base where she was received with a Royal Salute.

After inspecting the company the Queen presented the new colours and later took the salute as the company marched past followed by the Guards' Bands.

The Queen's Company's new colours will be the only colours to be carried into Westminster Abbey at the Coronation ceremony.—Reuter.

Canadian Aid To Pakistan

Ottawa, Apr. 14. Ships were loading the first of \$5,000,000 worth of wheat being sent to Pakistan by Canada under the Colombo Plan, the Defence Minister, Mr. Brooke Claxton, said in the House of Commons today.

The decision to send the wheat instead of other forms of assistance was made on Pakistan's request.—Reuter.

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Secrets In A Bottle

Ten months ago, an almanac stationed at Hamburg dropped a bottle message into the North Sea. Recently, an 18-year-old girl on holiday at Brighton picked up the bottle on the beach, opened it and read the message. Had she lived in the reign of Elizabeth I the girl would have risked a long term of imprisonment.

According to the current issue of the Post Office Magazine, the first Queen Elizabeth appointed her own "Uncorker of Ocean Bottles" and no one else but this officer was allowed to open bottles cast up on the coasts of Britain. The position was regarded as of equal importance to that of the Postmaster-General of those times.

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Israel's New Exports

Bonn, Apr. 14. Israel has started exporting bottles of water from the River Jordan and packets of Holy Land soil to Christian Churches throughout the world, the Israeli Information Service in Germany reported today.

An Information Bulletin said that agents of the Holy Land Nazareth Company have undertaken a global campaign to take orders from religious institutions. It said special efforts would be made in Spain and other countries with large Catholic populations.

The Bulletin said the Holy Land Nazareth Company is owned by Christians. It added that the bottling of Jordan water and packing of Palestine soil is done under the supervision of various Catholic Orders. Jesus Christ was baptised in the Jordan.—Associated Press.

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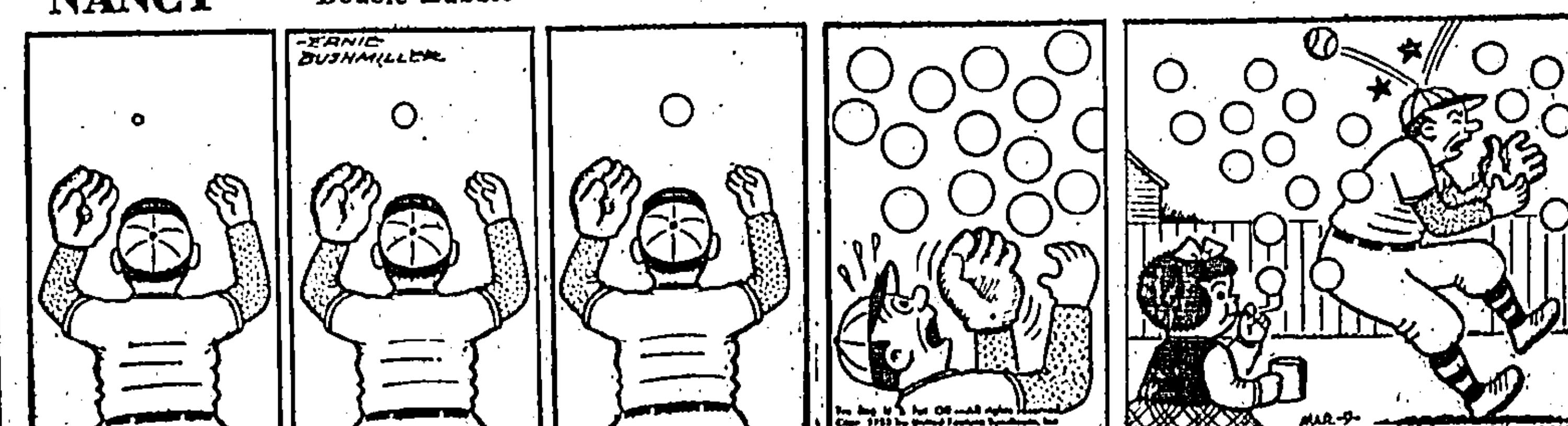
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VOTING AGE LOWERED

Budapest, Apr. 14.

Hungary has lowered the voting age from 20 years to 18 and a new electoral roll has been completed, it was announced.

The newly-increased electorate will be able to participate in elections for a new Parliament.

The Hungarian constitution provides for a Parliamentary election every four years but, as only candidates for the Communist Party are allowed to stand, there is no Opposition party.—United Press.

Talks At The War Office

London, Apr. 14.

General Sir Brian Robertson, Commander of British Land Forces in the Middle East, continued his private defence discussions at the War Office today.

General Robertson flew into London on Friday from Cairo, his Suez Canal Zone headquarters, for talks on Middle East defence and the situation in Kenya.

He had a further conference today with General Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.—Reuter.


CRASH INQUEST

London, Apr. 14.

Only evidence of identification was taken today when the inquest was opened on the bodies of 10 victims of last Wednesday's Underground rail crash at Stratford.

After Coroner's proceedings had been adjourned, the coroner's representative of the "Random Transport Company Executive" repeated a statement already made to the Press that the company would accept liability for all proper claims in connection with the accident.—Reuter.





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Mr. Endicott speaks in Ottawa tomorrow night and in Vancouver on April 20 and first leaves another "peace" meeting in Budapest, on May 30—United Press.

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